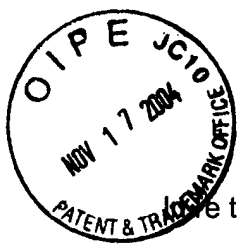


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Re the Application of:

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Serial No. 09/909,809

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THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 5, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on December 5, 2004.

The following is respectfully submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) as required by said Notice.